GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:108
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications(DoT) has threatened the private cellular telephone operators with dire consequences if they fail to pay up the dues in respect of frequency charges for operating services in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether all the private cellular operators have been asked to pay up their dues by June 30, 2000 or else face punitive action which could mean foregoing their bank guarantees ; (

(c) if so, the names of the companies and the amount due against each of them at present along-with the periods for which the dues have been outstanding against them, State-wise; and

(d) the action the Government propose to take after the expiry date of June 30, 2000 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 108 FOR 31ST JULY, REGARDING OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST TELECOM COMPANIES

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are attached at Annexure .

(d) Government has taken a serious view of default in payment of royalty charges on part of some of the operators and steps are being taken to effectivise recovery within a reasonable period of time.